

UFO Cover-Up

Cover Stories:

May be established for unacknowledged programs in order to protect the the integrity of the program from individuals who do not have a need to know. Cover stories must be believable and cannot reveal any information regarding the true nature of the contract. Cover stories for Special Access Programs must have the approval of the PSO [Program Security Officer] prior to dissemination.

Disinformation:

Systematic efforts to confuse and misinform the public. Divulge both real and fabricated information to assure that the secret will not be believed.
Plausible but false data.

Plausible Deniability:

(1) Confronted with the unauthorized use of a program name or a specific question, an accessed individual may deny all knowledge of a program - as he or she should, because its existence is core secret, and a mere no comment is tantamount to confirmation. (2) The questioner - who may not be aware that an accessed individual must respond with denial and spread it further. (3) Also people may honestly believe that there are no black programs in their area of responsibility since they have no need-to-know.

Example: The Cash-Landrum UFO Incident:

"I don't know what it could be..... unless there's a super secret thing going on and I wouldn't necessarily know about it." -- US army's Fort Hood press officer, Major Tony Geishauser.

"There was no evidence presented that would indicate that Army, National Guard, or Army Reserve helicopters were involved." -- Lt. Col. George Saran.

Top Secret:

Information, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to the national security. (13/ p.339)

Black Programs, Deep Black World

Bigot List:

Someone, such as a general or admiral, ostensibly responsible for certain types of programs or areas of technology would not be briefed on the existence of a program that should be within his jurisdiction. (If your name is not on the so-called "bigot list" for a program you will not be briefed, no matter what your rank or responsibility. Even the director of the CIA or the DIA would not ex officio and automatically be on all such lists.) The wall of denial in the deep black world can thus be maintained by both deception and deliberately designed lack of cognizance leading to apparently honest denial.

Black Budget:

A popular term for that part of the military budget which has been classified. Some call it the super-secret part, classified even higher than Top Secret. Projects thus funded have been called black programs. The official name is Special Access Required Projects, or Special Access Programs. Only a few members of congress have access to this information. GAO has identified about 185 programs (1992).

Carve-Outs:

The separation of white and black programs is further emphasized by arrangements known as carve-outs, which remove classified programs from oversight by defense-wide security and contract-oversight organizations.